

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	MCKEAN et al.	Examiner:	TANG, K.
Serial No.:	10/084,214	Group Art Unit:	2195
Filed:	February 25, 2002	Docket No.:	SJO920010056US1 (IBMS.038US01-0549)
Title:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COOPERATIVE DISTRIBUTED TASK MANAGEMENT IN A STORAGE SUBSYSTEM WITH MULTIPLE CONTROLLERS USING CACHE LOCKING		

**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)**

MAIL STOP PETITION
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Petitioner hereby petitions for the reinstatement of the above-identified patent application under allowance, which was unintentionally abandoned.

On June 6, 2006, Applicants submitted a Request For Reconsideration in response to the Final Office Action of April 6, 2006. However, Applicants received no reply to the Request For Reconsideration filed on June 6, 2006 until receiving the Advisory Action of November 2, 2006. Accordingly, the Advisory action was not received until after the expiration of the 6-month period for reply. Because of the failure of the U.S.P.T.O. to respond to Applicant's Request For Reconsideration in a timely manner, Applicants unintentionally allowed the application to become abandoned.

In support of the petition, Applicants hereby submit a request for continued examination along with a preliminary amendment addressing the issues noted in the Final Office Action.

Petitioner avers that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional.

The amount of \$1,500.00 for the large-entity Petition fee as set forth in §1.17(m) is to be paid concurrently with the filing of this petition.

Petitioner respectfully requests that favorable consideration be afforded this Petition for Revival of an Unintentionally-Abandoned Application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Attorney for Applicant, David W. Lynch, at 423-757-0264.

Respectfully submitted,

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